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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DUE PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE
MECHANISM

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1. LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON, PERMREP CALLED ON BOSSIER-PALUN AT HIS LAW OFFICE IN PARIS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED US INITIATIVE. AS CLOSEST CONFIDANT M'BOW, BOSSIER-PALUN IS TACTICALLY THE BEST PERSON TO APPROACH FIRST TO INFLUENCE THE DG. ALSO, AS HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF DNG HE IS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE.

2. WE INFORMED BOSSIER-PALUN OF OUR PLAN AND THE REASONS FOR WANTING TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT AT THE 102ND BOARD. WE STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF NAIROBI AND GIVE UNESCO FIRM BASE IN US FOR CONTINUED FINANCIAL FUNDING. BOSSIER-PALUN REACTED
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VERY FAVORABLY TO OUR PROPOSAL. HE SAID HE SAW NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED AND MAKE OUR STATEMENT. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS IT INFORMALLY WITH AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES TO SEE IF HE CAN GET THEM TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A MECHANISM TO MUTE POLITICAL CONFRONTATIONS. HE SAID THAT HIS JUDGMENT WAS THAT M'BOW WOULD NOT POSE ANY

OBJECTIONS TO OUR PROCEEDING AND HE PROMISED TO TALK WITH M'BOW AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN THINKING OF WAYS TO DIFFUSE POLITICAL ISSUES. HIS THOUGHTS RAN ALONG THE LINES OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THE DNG AS A CONTINUING ORGAN TO CONSIDER TOUGH ISSUES. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE HAD RECENTLY ADDRESSED THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AT A MEETING HELD TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS ROLE AT NAIROBI AND HE HAD FLOATED THE IDEA OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THE DNG. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID THE RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE.

4. AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US PROPOSAL, BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE LEGAL PROBLEMS OF SETTING UP SUCH A BODY AND ITS MANDATE UNDER UNESCO STATUTES. HE SAID NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY MIGHT BE INVOLVED AS HE WONDERED IF MEMBER STATES COULD BE REQUIRED TO BRING ISSUES FIRST TO SUCH A COMMITTEE.

5. WE POINTED TO THE ILO MODEL AND BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE WOULD STUDY THOSE CONCEPTS FOR RELEVANCE TO UNESCO. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE ILO IS A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF ITS TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE AND ITS METHODS MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR UNESCO.

6. IN ANY CASE, BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE FULLY CONCURRED THAT NOW WAS THE TIME TO START MOVEMENT TOWARD

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DEVELOPING A MECHANISM TO KEEP DOWN DESTRUCTIVE POLITICAL ISSUES. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE HUMAN RIGHTS ROAD WAS PROPER. WE ASSURED HIM THAT THE AGENDA ITEM WAS ONE OF CONVENIENCE AS WE DID NOT WANT TO INTRODUCE A NEW ITEM ON THE AGENDA. IN FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE BOARD THE DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE UNDER OTHER MORE SUITABLE ITEMS, I.E. METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION, BUT AT THIS BOARD, ITEM 5.6.2 SEEMED THE BEST MEANS OF GETTING OUR STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH THIS APPROACH.

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7. BOSSIER-PALUN SAID THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK "SOUS LA TABLE" WITH M'BOW AND EXPECTED TO PERFORM SPECIAL MISSIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. HE SAID HE AND OTHER RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS OF STATURE COULD WELL PLAY A ROLE IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE IF SUCH IS FINALLY ADOPTED.

8. BOSSIER-PALUN THEN RECOUNTED THAT HE WAS STILL ON THE "BLACKLIST" OF THE RADICAL ARABS AND AFRICANS FOR HIS WORK AT NAIROBI AND HE EXPECTED THEM TO OPPOSE, ALONG WITH THE SOVIET BLOC, ANY EFFORTS TO EITHER INSTITUTIONALIZE THE DNG OR SET UP ANOTHER SCREENING MECHANISM. HOWEVER, HE FELT THE EFFORT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE GOOD OF UNESCO.

9. BOSSIER-PALUN AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US AND ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE TO LET HIM KNOW OF OUR PLANS. WE AGREED.
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10. COMMENT: BOSSIER-PALUN'S REACTION WAS INDEED POSITIVE. HE DID NOT NECESSARILY BUY THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL, BUT HE DEFINITELY AGREED TO THE BASIC CONCEPT THAT MOVEMENT IS NECESSARY AND A SCREENING MECHANISM SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. AND, MORE IMPORTANT, HE

AGREED TO FAVORABLY INFLUENCE M'BOW.
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